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**MAYOR EMANUEL, DEPARTMENT OF FLEET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT
INTRODUCE LEASE UTILIZING VACANT FORMER FIRE STATION AS
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Fleet and Facility Management today introduced an ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease agreement to support The Exodus Drum & Bugle Corps' community center project. The lease will allow the organization to transform a vacant former fire station into a community center in the Austin neighborhood.

“This new community center will help enhance the lives of residents in the Austin neighborhood by offering positive programming and a space to gather to help foster a sense of community,” said Mayor Emanuel. “The partnership with The Exodus Drum & Bugle Corps is another way we are investing in neighborhoods and creating productive use for vacant City space.”

The community center will be developed at a vacant City-owned lot located at 816 North Laramie Avenue by granting a \$1 lease to The Exodus Drum & Bugle Corps, valid through December 31, 2021. The building once served as a community center operated by the Mid-Austin Steering Committee, but has remained vacant since it was forced to close in 2015.

The Exodus Drum & Bugle Corps will be responsible for maintaining the property, thereby reducing the City's maintenance responsibility.

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